

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1547

Introduced by Assembly Member Gomez

January 23, 2014

An act to amend Section 13823.16 of the Penal Code, relating to the Domestic Violence Advisory Council.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1547, as introduced, Gomez. Domestic Violence Advisory Council.

Existing law, until January 1, 2015, establishes the Domestic Violence Advisory Council to the Office of Emergency Services, and specifies the composition and appointment of council members. Under existing law, the office and the council collaboratively administer the Comprehensive Statewide Domestic Violence Program.

This bill would delete the January 1, 2015 date of repeal, effectively allowing these provisions to remain in effect indefinitely.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 13823.16 of the Penal Code is amended
2 to read:
3 13823.16. (a) The Comprehensive Statewide Domestic
4 Violence Program established pursuant to Section 13823.15 shall
5 be collaboratively administered by the Office of Emergency
6 Services and an advisory council. The membership of the Office
7 of Emergency Services Domestic Violence Advisory Council shall

1 consist of experts in the provision of either direct or intervention
2 services to victims of domestic violence and their children, within
3 the scope and intention of the Comprehensive Statewide Domestic
4 Violence Assistance Program.

5 (b) The membership of the council shall consist of domestic
6 violence victims' advocates, battered women service providers, at
7 least one representative of service providers serving the lesbian,
8 gay, bisexual, and transgender community in connection with
9 domestic violence, and representatives of women's organizations,
10 law enforcement, and other groups involved with domestic
11 violence. At least one-half of the council membership shall consist
12 of domestic violence victims' advocates or battered women service
13 providers. It is the intent of the Legislature that the council
14 membership reflect the ethnic, racial, cultural, and geographic
15 diversity of the state, including people with disabilities. The council
16 shall be composed of no more than 13 voting members and two
17 nonvoting ex officio members who shall be appointed, as follows:

18 (1) Seven voting members shall be appointed by the Governor,
19 including at least one person recommended by the federally
20 recognized state domestic violence coalition.

21 (2) Three voting members shall be appointed by the Speaker of
22 the Assembly.

23 (3) Three voting members shall be appointed by the Senate
24 Committee on Rules.

25 (4) Two nonvoting ex officio members shall be Members of the
26 Legislature, one appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and
27 one appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules. Any Member
28 of the Legislature appointed to the council shall meet with the
29 council and participate in its activities to the extent that
30 participation is not incompatible with his or her position as a
31 Member of the Legislature.

32 (c) The Office of Emergency Services shall collaborate closely
33 with the council in developing funding priorities, framing the
34 request for proposals, and soliciting proposals.

35 ~~(d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2015,~~
36 ~~and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that~~
37 ~~is enacted before January 1, 2015, deletes or extends that date.~~